

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of graphics compression of a graphics pipeline of a computer,
2 the graphics pipeline having geometry processing and rasterization, the method being
performed as part of the graphics pipeline at least partially in or between geometry
4 processing and rasterization, the method comprising the steps of:
identifying the type of a set of setup variables;
6 modifying the set of setup variables by eliminating the type fields from the set of
setup variables; and
8 bundling the modified setup variables into a packet of a corresponding predefined
packet type.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the packet comprises a header
2 and the modified set of setup variables in a predefined order.
3. An apparatus for graphics compression of a graphics pipeline of a
2 computer, the graphics pipeline having geometry processing and rasterization, the
apparatus being located in the graphics pipeline at least partially in or between geometry
4 processing and rasterization, the apparatus comprising:
means for identifying the type of a set of setup variables;
6 means for modifying the set of setup variables by eliminating the type fields from
the set of setup variables; and

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8 means for bundling the modified setup variables into a packet of a corresponding predefined packet type.

4. The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the packet comprises a header
2 and the modified set of setup variables in a predefined order.